

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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March 22.—Schr Eliza, Melon, Saanich
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Auction Sales To-day.

J. P. DAVIES & CO., Wharf street, will hold their first Spring Sale at 11 o'clock, at their Salesroom, of Dr. Goods, Hosiery, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes &c. &c. on a liberal credit.
A. F. MAIN, Wharf street, will sell, at 12 o'clock noon, on Messrs. Sproat & Co's Wharf, the Brig Byzantium.

HORRIBLE OCCURRENCE.

Yesterday afternoon, while the apparatus of the Gymnastic Club was in process of removal to Alhambra Hall, a most disagreeable sensation was created by a report that a man had hung himself from the railing of the stairs leading to the second story, and that his body was even then to seen dangling over the stairway. The discovery was made by a visitor, who, on opening the large doors, saw to his horror the figure suspended from the railing. A frightened, the poor man started back and incontinently rushed from the building into the street—his hair literally standing on end, his knees knocking together, and his cheeks blanched to a chalky whiteness. "Oh, heavens," shouted he in terrified accents, "there's a man gone and hanged himself to the railing of the stairs." Half-a-dozen persons, guided by the discoverer, ran to the spot, and there, sure enough, appeared the inanimate form of what seemed to have once been a man, swaying to and fro from the end of a rope made fast around the rack and swung over the banisters. The greatest consternation ensued. The alarm quickly spread, and for several moments no one appeared disposed to approach the body to ascertain whether or not any life remained—the appearance was so horrible! At last some one more courageous than the rest—a physician perhaps—ventured up the stairs and touched the figure. It swung around lightly and displayed a face agreeably ornamented with a broad grin. The grin was contagious. The secret was out. The whole party burst into a laugh. The horrible spectacle was nothing more nor less than a lay-figure, used by the minstrel troupe in one of their travesties, which, left under the stage, had been suspended over the stairway by one of the new tenants by way of a lark.

VICTORIA RIFLE CORPS.

A meeting of this Corps was held last evening at the Mechanic's Institute, at which the following commissioned officers were elected: F. J. Roscoe, as Lieutenant, unanimously; J. B. Turner, as Ensign, J. G. Norris having also received four votes. Mr. Vinter, having tendered his resignation as Adjutant to the commanding officer, was requested by a unanimous vote to withdraw the same. At the suggestion of the Lieutenant, a Quartermaster's Sergeant was next elected. J. G. Norris and E. Mallandaine having been nominated, the latter was elected. A Finance Committee and a Committee for Rifle Range were also appointed. Drill was fixed weekly, on Thursday evenings, at 8 p.m., at the drill hall, James Bay; the first drill to be on the 25th inst. Lieut. Roscoe announced his intention of having considerable skirmishing drill during the coming summer. A unanimous vote of thanks to the Committee of the Mechanic's Institute for the use of the rooms was passed. Thirty-seven signatures have been received, exclusive of the Band.

ELOPEMENT.

There are rumors extant that the wife of a well-known innkeeper has eloped—left her liege lord's bed and board and taken up her abode elsewhere, carrying with her the cashbox of the late "firm" and all her jewelry and clothes. The partner in her flight is said to be her husband's bar-keeper, whose "eyes spoke love to eyes that spoke again." The whereabouts of the couple have not been ascertained; but they are believed to be not far distant from Victoria. Should they be tracked to their hidingplace both may have occasion to exclaim with the local poet:

"On Vancouver's rockbound shore
I heard an angry Lyon's roar."

MECHANICS' LITERARY INSTITUTE.

Rev. Mr. Jenks will deliver a lecture this evening before the Mechanics' Institute. The subject chosen, "Electricity," will doubtless be ably handled by the rev. gentleman who upon several occasions during the past season has afforded the highest satisfaction to numerous audiences by his able and scientific discourses. The lecture will commence precisely at 8 o'clock.

THE BRIG BYZANTIUM.

This brig will be sold at auction by Mr. Main at 12 o'clock to-day. She is 260 tons burthen and rated A 1 at Lloyd's. All the appurtenances of the brig will also be disposed of. The sale is made by order of the Vice Admiralty Court.

"THE EL DORADO"

is the name of a new weekly paper lately established by female printers at San Francisco. All the work, from editing down to the d—'s portion, is done by women, who are backed up by a capital of \$30,000. The paper is very creditable in appearance, and will be a success if the operatives can but manage to agree among themselves.

GOING NORTH.

The Hydah Indians are migrating north. About 100 sailed yesterday for Tongas and Queen Charlotte Island. The delights of civilization have evidently palled upon their tastes; and they seek "fresh fields and pastures new" for the exercise of their peculiar talents.

SALE OF A FARM.

The farm of the late Elmes Harris, on Moresby Island, brought under the hammer of Mr. A. F. Main, \$500. Included in the purchase are the farm buildings, 18 head of live stock, farming utensils, etc. The island is conveniently situated, being not far from Victoria and easily accessible by water. The purchaser is Mr. C. York.

WORKMEN

yesterday morning broke ground for Southgate's new brick buildings at the corner of Fort and Government streets. Ground was also broken at the corner of Yates and Broad streets for Edwards' furniture store.

THE GUSSIE TELFAIR.

A dispatch from Portland yesterday announced the arrival there of the Guessie Telfair; and that she would sail again for Victoria to-morrow. It is to be hoped she will bring a mail.

THE SHIP ANN MARY

has been chartered at San Francisco to load with lumber at the B. C. & V. I. Mills, Burrard Inlet, for Sydney, Australia. She will carry about 500,000 feet of lumber.

A POST OFFICE

and Custom-house will shortly be established at the thriving settlement of Burrard Inlet, where both are much needed; but road is the greatest want.

SELLING OFF.

Messrs. L. & J. Boscowitz offer their stock of tobacco, cigars, pipes, etc., for sale at cost, to close the concern. A chance for bargains.

CONFIRMATION.

There will be a confirmation at the Cathedral by the Bishop of Columbia on Sunday afternoon the 4th of April.

FOR NANAIMO.

The steamer Fly, Capt. Frain, will sail at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THE STEAMER WILSON G. HUNT

will not sail from Olympia until this morning. She has been on the ways for a scraping.

THE STEAMSHIP GEO. S. WRIGHT

arrived at Portland yesterday.

By Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST

LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES

Eastern States.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The reports that Lunt is to be Collector of the port of San Francisco are unfounded. The President is withholding action on the Pacific appointments for the repeal of the Tenure of Office Bill.

General Dana

of the Russian Ice Company, protests against the Senate bill to protect Alaska fur seals, which the Hutchinson & Kohl company is strenuously urging.

The Tribune's special

thinks the repeal of the Tenure of Office Law is probable, though the movement has apparently lost strength by the manner in which the Repeal party attempt to force things to the utmost. A majority is expected by the friends of repeal.

Four or five land grant bills

have already been proposed for this session, which call for eighty millions of acres besides guarantees of bonds.

Illinois has been added

to Sheridan's department, headquarters at Chicago.

The rush for foreign appointments

exceeds anything ever before known; as an illustration, there are over one hundred applicants for the Consulship to Frackfort.

CHICAGO, March 18.

The Republican's special has news from General Custar to March 2nd, which indicates that the reports of his capture are unfounded.

WASHINGTON, March 19.

In the House the Military Committee have agreed to report a bill abolishing the office of Chief of Staff to the General of the Army, General Sherman stating that he does not need the office; also prohibiting the assignment to duty of retired officers under full pay.

The Post's special

says the House Committee on elections report in favor of Covode who was invited to a seat, thus ending the contest.

WASHINGTON, March 18.

It has transpired that arms and ammunition have been sent from New York to be transferred for the use of the Cuban revolution; the administration don't appear to be doing anything to stop these movements.

The Supreme Court to-day

decided not to render a decision at this term on the constitutionality of the greenback issue.

WASHINGTON, March 18.

In the Senate Ramsey reported back the bill authorizing the American and French Atlantic Cable Company to take any route for laying the cable to Europe.

Conkling introduced

a bill to regulate naturalization. Kellogg introduced a bill to provide for the construction of the thirty-second parallel railroad line to the Pacific. It grants 20 sections per mile on each side of the road, and guarantees the interest on 32,000 in bonds per mile. Referred to committee on Pacific railroads.

Europe.

PARIS, March 18.—The increase of bullion in the Bank of France is 19 millions francs.

The cotton spinners

of Preston have struck on account of a proposed reduction of wages.

Bishop McCrara

was consecrated at Cape-town, January 25. Protests against his consecration have been received from four dioceses of Cape-town and Natal.

The Governments of France and Belgium

are arranging a conference for the discussion of mutual commercial interests, and to consider what modification shall be made in the recent law passed by the Belgian Parliament prohibiting railroads being transferred from foreign companies.

MADRID, March 18.

Clelino, nephew of the late Spanish Minister at Paris, was killed yesterday in a duel. He was a member of one of the Secretaries of the Cortes.

ing intimately connected in all its acts

with the spoliation and dangerous. Hitherto such acts have been followed by civil war or something worse. Confiscation only enriched landowners. The strength of Ireland was her connection with England. A majority of the Irish people were discontented and the settlement of the Church question would be insufficient to quiet their discontent.

The land question

required a settlement of details; this scheme was complicated and delusive. The present engagements of the Government with the holders of vested interests ought to be paid as regularly and promptly as dividends. If these engagements were compromised there could be no security against spoliation. The proposed grant to Maynooth College was directly in opposition to the preamble of the bill.

Disraeli deprecated

the course of the present Government as antagonistic to the former policy of the Whig party, whose aim was civil and religious liberty. He expressed the belief that the bill was most dangerous to the country, but felt that he could depend on Providence and the patriotism of Parliament. He then moved the bill be read a second time in three months from to-day.

William H. Gregory

, member for Galway, followed in reply, but he did not unreservedly support the bill. He thought an equitable division of the Church property among the three religious parties preferable to the present scheme of distribution.

In the House of Peers

this evening, Lord Gray and Lord Cairns condemned the policy of the Government in releasing the Fenian convicts. Earl Granville explained that the overtures given the released Fenians were acts of personal hospitality, and not demonstrations of hostility to the Government.

It is reported

that Risa Ranghabe, the present Greek Minister at Washington, has been appointed Minister to Constantinople.

Over a thousand Irish noblemen

and landowners protested against Gladstone's Church Bill.

New Brunswick and Newfoundland.

St. John's, March 18.—The debate in reply to the Address has closed. The Government was sustained by 8 majority. Cudlip moved annexation resolutions, but found no second. Despatches from St. John's, Newfoundland, say the Union resolutions have passed both Houses.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—Arrived—March 18, ship Intrapid, 10 days from Teakale—put in for a crew; ship Fleetwing, 114 days from New York; ship Aureola, 14 days from Port Discovery; bark Gen. Cobb, 12 days from Port Orchard; bark Rainier, from Teakale.

Second Despatch.

Oregon.

PORTLAND, March 22.—The steamer Ori-flamme arrived on Saturday evening. The steamers Wright and Telfair arrived this morning.

PORTLAND, March 22.

The steamer Telfair sails on Wednesday.

Auction Sales

THIS DAY

J. P. DAVIES & CO.

WILL HOLD THEIR FIRST

SPRING SALE

of Clothing, Underclothing, Hosiery,

Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Hats and

Caps, Furnishing Goods, Hayward's

Rubber Boots,

Etc., Etc., Etc.,

ON A LIBERAL CREDIT,

Furnishing Goods

40 doz. Eagle, Atkinson and Star white

Shirts, 60 doz. Baltic, Serge, French

Cass, Beaver, Blue, Grey and Cloth

Over Shirts, Blue, Brown and Shaker

Socks, Kersey Drawers and Knitted

Jackets, Boys ribbed Shirts and Drawers,

Black leather Bags, Braces, Paper Col-

lars, Blue Mixed and White ribbed Shirts

and Drawers, Silk Drawers, Scarlet

Shirts and Drawers, Extra quality Buck

Gloves and Mittens.

Dry Goods & Hosiery

Brooks' Thread, Ladies' Cloth Cloaks,

Silk Mantillas, Ladies' Fine Hose, Hose

suitable for Indian Trade, Misses and

Children's Hose, 30 doz Hoop Skirts, 40

Point white Blankets.

Men & Boys' Clothing

PANTS—French and English Cass. Bea-

vers, Cal Tweed, Doeskin, Satin-

ette, Heavy Mining

COATS—Cloth and Beaver Frocks, Busi-

ness and Sac Coats in great

variety.

SUITS—Beaver, Cloth, Diagonal, Cass.

Harrison Mixture, &c.

Boys' Brown, Grey and Drab Suits and

Coats.

Boots Shoes & Brogans

2) cases Heywood's long-legged In-

diarubber Mining Boots, in or out of

Bond, Slippers, Cavalry, Dress, Mining

and nailed Boots, Men's and Boys' sew-

ed and Pegged Brogans.

Hats and Caps

75 doz Men's and Boys' Hats, all

colors, shapes and makes, 15 doz assorted

Caps.

TERMS—All sums under \$250, Cash;

over \$250 and under \$500, 30 days; over

\$500, 60 days; on approved endorsed

notes. 1 per cent off for Cash.

1 per cent, per month will be allowed for cash on deferred payments.

J. P. DAVIES,

ma19 Auctioneer,

Auction Sales.

J. P. Davies & Co

AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS, Salesroom, Liverpool Street, near Yates.

Cash advances made on Consignments.

AUCTION.

LAND AT ESQUIMALT

FOR SALE.

In the Supreme Court of Civil Justice,

V. I., in Bankruptcy.

In Re A. D. McDonald, a Bankrupt.

J. P. DAVIES & CO. will sell by

Public Auction, at their Salesroom,

Wharf Street, on

SATURDAY.

27th March inst., at 12 o'clock noon,

By order of the Trade Assignee in the

above Estate.

All that Tract of Land part of Section

19, situate at the entrance of the Town

of Esquimalt, and extending from Esqui-

mal Harbor, on the North to the Straits

on the South, containing 6 Acres of Land

or thereabouts, with Water Frontage on

both the Harbor and Straits.

A Plan of the Property, also conditions

of Sale, can be seen at our Office, or at

the Office of MR. ROBERT BISHOP,

Bastion Street, Solicitor to the Estate.

Acts of Sale at Buyer's expense.

J. P. DAVIES,

ma10 Auctioneer.

ADMIRALTY SALE.

J. P. DAVIES & CO. have received

instructions from Admiral the Hon.

G. F. Hastings to sell by Public Auction

at the Navy Yard, Esquimalt, Thurs-

day, 25th March, at 11 o'clock, the

following condemned Stores:

101 Iron Casks, 0-2-4 Tiller Hide

Rope, 10 tons 1 cwt 3 qrs 3 lbs cordage

paper stuff, Old China, 6 cwt 3 qrs 19lb

Cast Iron, 18cwt 2 qrs 9lbs Wrought

Iron, 20cwt 3 qrs 24lbs Rags, Paper

stuff, Old Glass, 14cwt 2 qrs 15lbs Rags

Painted stuff, 1594lbs Old Steel, 2 qrs

24lbs Indiarubber, vulcanized.

VICTUALLING.—Biscuit, Bisenit

dust, Bags, Cook's Fat, old iron Hoops

Wood Cases.

ALSO—Unserviceable Clothing, 16

Beds, 87 Blankets, 47 Bed Covers,

Wrappers, &c., &c.

J. P. DAVIES,

ma19 Auctioneer,

AUCTION

J. P. DAVIES & CO.

Have received instructions to sell

by Public Auction, by order and for

account of the Mortgagee, on the pre-

misses lately occupied by Mrs. Jules

David, Pandora street, adjoining the

Synagogue,

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.,

The following well-kept modern

FURNITURE:

Handsome Parlor Set Furniture, Car-

pets, Astral Lamps,

A Superior tricord overstrung

Kirkman's Cottage Piano

in Walnut Case,

Centre and Side Tables, Lounges, Sofas,

Chairs, Sideboards, Extension Tables,

Rocking Chairs, Brussels Carpets, Cur-

tains, Table Covers, Blinds, Looking

Glasses, Coal Oil Lamps, Knives and

Forks, Waiters, Glassware, China Tea

Sets, Silverware, Steel Engravings, Hat

Rack, Oilcloth, Stair Carpet and Rods.

100 Volumes Reading

Matter.

Handsome Walnut Wardrobe, Bedstead,

Bureau, Marble-top Washstand and

Tables, China Chamber Sets, Spring and

Hair Mattresses, Bedding, painted Cham-

ber Set, Bed and Bedding, and the usual

Kitchen Furniture.

ALSO—1 No. 20 Plough, Whipple-

